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DETACHMENT H

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

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H-50-4 This SOP supercedes H-50-4 dated 13 December 1968 and H-50-30 dated 13 December 1968.

EVALUATION CHECKS

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1. PURPOSE: To establish the requirements and procedures for administering Evaluation Checks to [REDACTED] Mission Pilots assigned to this Detachment.

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2. SCOPE: The provisions of this SOP are applicable to all [REDACTED] Mission Pilots regardless of status.

3. RESPONSIBILITY: The Director of Operations is responsible for insuring that the provisions of this SOP are complied with.

4. GENERAL:

a. Evaluation Checks will be administered by a qualified U-2 Instructor Pilot (except as noted in Para 5c.)

b. An Evaluation Check will be accomplished prior to initial upgrading to Operational Ready Pilot status at this Detachment and at least every twelve (12) months thereafter.

c. A formal record of each evaluation check will be maintained in the Pilots Training Folder for future reference.

5. PROCEDURES: The Evaluation Check will be scheduled and administered on a high altitude flight of at least 3+00 hours duration. The check will consist of three (3) phases:

a. PRE-FLIGHT PHASE: Consists of oral and written questions administered by the Instructor Pilot.

(1) Aircraft Questionnaires (written)

(2) Emergency Exam (written)

(3) Systems Questions (oral)

(4) Configuration Questions (oral)

(5) Tactical Doctrine Questions (oral)

b. FLIGHT PHASE: Monitored by the Instructor Pilot. Special emphasis is placed on adherence to the checklist and published procedures during the following portions of the flight.

(1) Briefing

(2) Life Support

(3) Cockpit Check

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- (4) Engine Start
- (5) Before Take-off
- (6) Take-off and Climb
- (7) In-flight
- (8) Let-down and Recovery
- (9) Debriefing
- c. POST FLIGHT PHASE: Consists of a review of the mission by the following personnel:
 - (1) Navigation Section
 - (2) Intelligence Section
 - (3) Applicable Configuration Section
 - (4) Evaluation Board (Para 6 below)

6. EVALUATION BOARD:

- a. An Evaluation Board will be convened within five (5) working days following the completion of each Initial or Annual Evaluation Check.
- b. The Detachment Commander shall function as the Chairman of each Evaluation Board.
- c. The Evaluation Board shall consist of the following personnel:

- (1) Manager
- (2) [REDACTED] Commander
- (3) Director of Operations
- (4) U-2 Instructor Pilot
- (5) [REDACTED] Operations Officer
- (6) [REDACTED] Flight Planner

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- d. The Manager and [REDACTED] Commander will review the results of the Flying Evaluation Check and determine the category status of the Mission Pilot whose proficiency is being reviewed.

- e. Should an evaluation of other than Operational Ready Pilot status be made for any pilot as a result of Evaluation Board action, the Manager, with the assistance of the [REDACTED] Commander, Operations Officer and Instructor Pilot, will determine what additional training shall be accomplished prior to further evaluation action.

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- f. Upon completion of Evaluation Board review, the Manager shall annotate the Pilot Evaluation Checklist Form with the appropriate assigned category status and sign the form as final evaluation check action.



✓ Detachment Commander

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